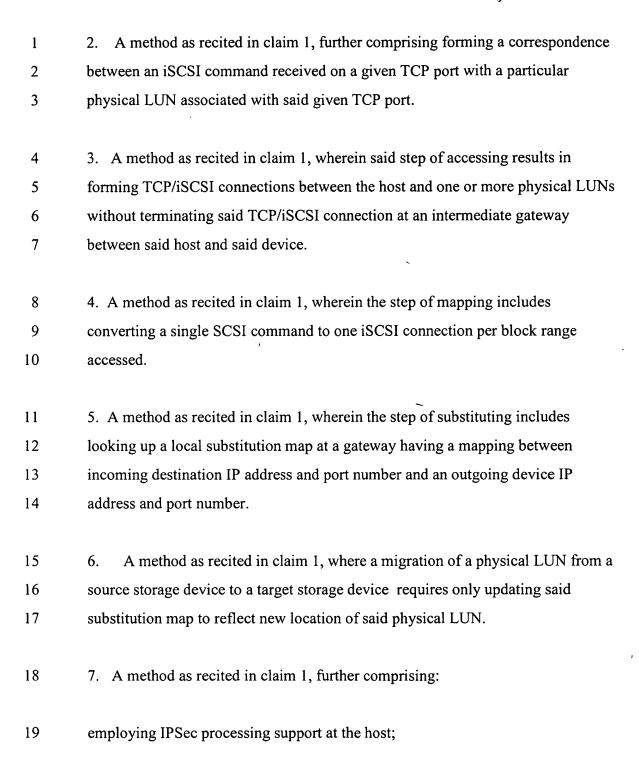
CLAIMS

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- 2 Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure
- 3 by Letters Patent is as follows:
- 4 1. A method comprising accessing virtual iSCSI storage, including the steps of:
- defining at least one physical logical unit number (LUN) on a physical storage
- 6 device having an device IP address;
- 7 associating a unique TCP port number with each said at least one physical LUN;
- 8 replacing a first LUN identifier specified in said iSCSI command with a second
- 9 LUN identifier associated with said given TCP port number;
- establishing a unique IP address at which a virtual LUN is accessed from a host;
- identifying a block TCP port number with each block range of said virtual LUN;
- mapping a SCSI command to one or more iSCSI/TCP connections having said
- unique IP address and the block TCP port number identified with said each block
- range referenced by said SCSI command; and
- substituting said unique IP address and said block TCP port number with said
- device IP address and said given TCP port number on packets between said host
- and said storage devices.



21 storage device; and

employing IPSec processing support at a gateway between said host and said

forming an IPSec tunnel between said host and said gateway; 10. A method comprising providing support at a physical storage device for accessing virtual iSCSI storage, including the steps of: 4 defining at least one physical logical unit (LUN) on the physical storage device 5 having an device IP address; 6 associating a unique TCP port number with each said at least one physical LUN; 7 and 8 replacing a first LUN identifier specified in said iSCSI command with a second 9 LUN identifier associated with said given TCP port number. ļ÷ N. A method comprising providing support at a host for accessing virtual iSCSI (J 10 : CJ 11 storage, including the steps of: ļå ļ. (O 12 establishing a unique IP address at which a virtual LUN is accessed from the host; C) fu. 13 identifying a block TCP port number with each block range of said virtual LUN; 14 and 15 mapping a SCSI command to one or more iSCSI/TCP connections having said

unique IP address and the block TCP port number identified with said each block

range referenced by said SCSI command;

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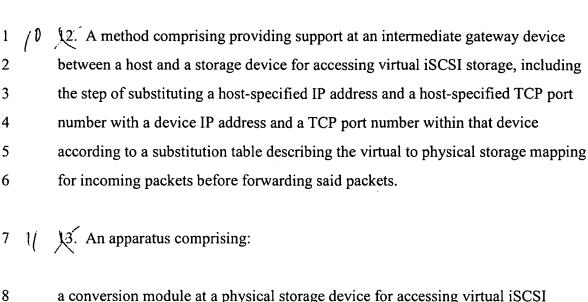
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a conversion module at a physical storage device for accessing virtual iSCSI storage, coupled to means for defining at least one physical logical unit (LUN) on the physical storage device having an device IP address; and coupled to means for associating a unique TCP port number with each said at least one physical LUN; said conversion module to replace a first LUN identifier specified in said iSCSI command with a second LUN identifier associated with said given TCP port number.

15 /2 M. An apparatus at a physical storage device for accessing virtual iSCSI storage, comprising:

means for replacing a first LUN identifier specified in an iSCSI command with a second LUN identifier associated with a given TCP port number included in said iSCSI command;

means for defining at least one physical logical unit (LUN) on the physical storage device having an device IP address; and

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1		means for associating a unique TCP port number with each said at least one
2		physical LUN.
3	13) . An apparatus comprising a virtualization module at a host for accessing
4	1-	virtual iSCSI storage, said virtualization module includes:
5		means for establishing a unique IP address at which a virtual LUN is accessed
6		from the host;
7		means for identifying a block TCP port number with each block range of said
8		virtual LUN; and
9		means for mapping a SCSI command to one or more iSCSI/TCP connections
10		having said unique IP address and the block TCP port number identified with said
11		each block range referenced by said SCSI command.
12	,4	36. An apparatus comprising a virtualization module at a host for accessing virtual
13	/ (iSCSI storage, said virtualization module includes:
14		a control module establishing a unique IP address at which a virtual LUN is
15		accessed from the host, and for identifying a block TCP port number with each
16		block range of said virtual LUN; and
17		a driver module for mapping a SCSI command to one or more iSCSI/TCP
18		connections having said unique IP address and the block TCP port number
19		identified with said each block range referenced by said SCSI command.
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20	16	An apparatus comprising:
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1	an address translation module at an intermediate gateway device between a host
2	and a storage device for accessing virtual iSCSI storage, said address translation
3	module having a substitution table describing a virtual to physical storage
4	mapping, said address translation module to replace a host-specified IP address
5	and a host-specified TCP port number with a device IP address and a TCP port
6	number within said intermediate gateway device according to the substitution
7	table for incoming packets before forwarding said incoming packets.

- 8 /b 18. An apparatus at an intermediate gateway device between a host and a storage device for accessing virtual iSCSI storage,
 10 said intermediate gateway device having a a substitution table, said substitution
 11 table describing a virtual to physical storage mapping of IP addresses and TCP
 12 port numbers; said apparatus comprising:
 - means for replacing a host-specified IP address and a host-specified TCP port number, with an IP address and a TCP port number of the storage device, within said intermediate gateway device, according to the substitution table for incoming packets before forwarding said incoming packets.
- 17 / W. An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having
 18 computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing accessing
 19 virtual iSCSI storage,, the computer readable program code means in said article
 20 of manufacture comprising computer readable program code means for causing a
 21 computer to effect the steps of claim 1.
- 22 / 20 A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a 23 program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for

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1		accessing virtual iSCSI storage,, said method steps comprising the steps of claim
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3	19	A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having
4		computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing LUN
5		identifier substitution, the computer readable program code means in said
6		computer program product comprising computer readable program code means
7		for causing a computer to effect the functions of claim 13.
8	20	22. A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having
9		computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing LUN
10		identifier substitution, the computer readable program code means in said
11		computer program product comprising computer readable program code means
12		for causing a computer to effect the functions of claim 14.
13	25	32. A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having
14	U	computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing SCSI
15		command mapping, the computer readable program code means in said computer
16		program product comprising computer readable program code means for causing
17		a computer to effect the functions of claim 15.
18	22	A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having
19	-	computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing SCSI
20		command mapping, the computer readable program code means in said computer

program product comprising computer readable program code means for causing

a computer to effect the functions of claim 16.

- 1 25. A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing address substitution, the computer readable program code means in said computer program product comprising computer readable program code means for causing a computer to effect the functions of claim 17.
- 6 24 26. A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing address substitution, the computer readable program code means in said computer program product comprising computer readable program code means for causing a computer to effect the functions of claim 18.